

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/611,855	YAMADA ET AL.	
	Examiner Brandon J. Miller	Art Unit 2617	

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1. This communication is responsive to 4/6/2007.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-8, 10, 12 and 13.

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

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5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- 1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
- 4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
- 5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
- 7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9. Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 3 recites a packet communication system comprising packet communication devices that are arranged in a plurality of foreign networks, respectively, and that are at least part of foreign networks existing as networks visited by a mobile node with a structure as defined in the specification (pages 8-22) including the mobile node continuously sends information pertinent to an updated care-of-address given in the most recently visited foreign network, after moving through at least three foreign networks, to at least one of the packet communication devices arranged in the at least three foreign networks in which the mobile node visited previously. Applicant's independent claim 3 comprises a particular combination of elements, which is neither taught nor suggested by the prior art.

Claims 4-8 and 13 are allowable based on their dependence of independent claim 3.

Claim 10 recites a communication network comprising packet communication devices that are arranged in a plurality of foreign networks, respectively, and that are at least part of foreign networks existing as networks visited by a mobile node with a structure as defined in the specification (pages 8-22) including after moving through at least three foreign networks, information pertinent to an updated care-of-address given by the most recently visited foreign network is continuously sent from the mobile node to at least one of the packet communication devices arranged on the at least three foreign networks in which the mobile node visited

previously. Applicant's independent claim 10 comprises a particular combination of elements, which is neither taught nor suggested by the prior art.

Claim 12 recites a method for selecting an IP address in a mobile node comprising the steps of: arranging packet communication devices in a plurality of foreign networks that are part of foreign networks existing as networks visited by a mobile node, respectively with a structure as defined in the specification (pages 8-22) including after the mobile node moved through at least three foreign networks, sending information pertinent of an updated care-of-address given in the most recently visited foreign network continuously from the mobile node to at least one of the packet communication devices arranged in the at least three foreign networks in which the mobile node visited previously. Applicant's independent claim 12 comprises a particular combination of elements, which is neither taught nor suggested by the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Related prior art considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Shimizu et al. Pub. No.: US 2002/0009066 A1 discloses route optimization method and agent apparatus.

Khalil et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,578,085 B1 discloses a system and method for route optimization in a wireless Internet protocol network.

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Kakemizu et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,917,605 B2 discloses a mobile network system and service control information changing method.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brandon J. Miller whose telephone number is 571-272-7869. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on 571-272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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